SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: I have read it out. I have read the details of the national highways. He has not followed it. It includes the national highways to be granted. With regard to the other question I cannot say because it is a roving question which I cannot answer. Specifically he has asked about Bihar. I have listed out all the works that are carried out.

श्री नागमणि: मेरा प्रश्न यह था और मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता था कि बिहार के साथ जो अन्याय हुआ है यह बहुत गलत हुआ है। मेरा दूसरा सप्लेमेंटरी है कि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 28 से 31 को दरभंगा से फारबिसगंज राजमार्ग से जोड़ने का प्रस्ताव जो विभाग के पास लम्बित है, सरकार क्या उस पर विचार कर रही है और क्या सरकार इसको जोड़ने का विचार रखती है?

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, there is no step-motherly attitude towards Bihar. Also on NH 419, 120 kilometres work is being taken up. *(Interruptions)* Either you talk or you allow me to talk. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, I cannot answer like this.

श्री नागमणि: मेरा सवाल साफ है, आप जवाब गलत दे रहे हैं। मेरा साफ प्रश्न था कि 20 साल में बिहार में एक इंच भी राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नहीं बनाया गया है। आप बोल रहे हैं बिहार में है। बिहार के साथ अन्याय हो रहा है और सरकार का ध्यान बिहार की तरफ नहीं है। मेरा प्रश्न सीधा है, इसका आप जवाब दें।

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: You have not followed my answer, I think. I will read it out again for the information of my friend.

MR. CHAIRMAN: In your answer you have only enumerated the national highways passing through Bihar. But they want to know if any more new highways have been added in Bihar.

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Yes, 43 kilometres have been added. On NH- 2, 43 kilometres have been taken up. Therefore, as he says it is not one kilometre; and the works to be taken up also I have listed out. Then where is the question of disparity?

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Dr. Jagannath Mishra.

डा. जगन्नाथ मिश्र: मंत्री महोदय ने जो उत्तर दिया है, प्रश्न और उत्तर का कोई तालमेल नहीं बैठ रहा है। गहन रूप से आप देखें कि मंत्री महोदय का उत्तर प्रश्नकर्ता के प्रश्न का स्पष्ट उत्तर नहीं है। माननीय सदस्य ने पूछा है कि बिहार में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की स्थिति क्या है, वह सेवा योग्य है या नहीं। उन्होंने कह दिया कि वह योग्य है। हम मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या पिछले वर्षों में दस राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग जो बिहार से होकर गुजरते हैं, उनके रख-रखाव में भारत सरकार की तरफ से कितनी धनराशि की व्यवस्था की गई है? इसके लिए जो धनराशि आबंटित की गई है क्या राज्य सरकार ने उसका प्रयोग किया?

SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, the national highways passing through Bihar are generally being maintained, the traffic-worthy condition, within the available resources. The national highways are a continuous process. We have to attend to the periodical repairs when damages are caused by monsoons. It is being taken up as an when necessary.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Sir, Question Hour is over. Sir, declare that the Question Hour is over.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Pilgrims performing Haj

*206. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pilgrims performed Haj under arrangements made by the Haj Committee during 1996;

(b) the total amount collected from the pilgrims for accommodation and air freight; and

(c) the actual amount spent for procuring accommodation at Mecca and Madina during 1996, and chartering the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) 50,346 Indian pilgrims performed Haj under arrangements made by the Haj Committee during Haj 1996.

(b) An amount equivalent to Saudi Riyal (SR) 1435 in Indian rupees was collected from each pilgrim on account of accommodation charges in two stages, viz., as advance towards partially meeting the expenditure on

accommodation (Rs. 5,000) along with the application, with the balance amount being deducted from the foreign exchange released to the pilgrims at the time of their departure for Saudi Arabia. The total amount collected from the pilgrims on account of accommodation charges for Haj 1996 was Rs. 65,65,93,233.

For Haj-1996, the amount of Haj pilgrim fare fixed by Government was collected from each pilgrim along with the application. The total amount collected from the pilgrims on account of air fare was Rs. 60,41,64,000.

(c) During negotiations with the Moassassa (Association of landlords and moallims approved by the Saudi Government) of South Asian countries, it had been agreed that accommodation at Makkah, located within 800 meters from the Haram Sharif, would be made available at SR 1235 per unit and that accommodation at Madina would be made available at SR 200 per unit. However, during selection of buildings, it was found that all accommodation units could not be acquired within 800 metres of the Haram Sharif. Accordingly, accommodation was acquired within a radius of 1,000 metres from the Haram Sharif, with units located between 801 metres and 1,000 metres being acquired at lower rates of rental, ranging from SR 900 to SR 1,085 per units. The Central Haj Committee is making partial refund of rental to all pilgrims accommodated beyond 800 metres from the Haram Sharif.

All accommodation units in Madina were procured at SR 200 per unit. The actual amount spent on procurement of accommodation at Makkah and Madina was Rs. 57,26,88,242. Further, an amount of Rs. 8,39,56,189 has been earmarked for refund to pilgrims accommodated beyond 800 metres from the Haram Sharif at Makkah.

The air charter operation for Haj-1996 was implemented with 4 aircraft chartered from three international air charter companies, as well as two aircraft provided by Air India.

While final payments on account of the air charter movements are yet to be made, the total amount paid to the air companies, including Air India, so far is Rs. 78,06,47,258.

Crimes by Bangladeshi Immigrants

*207. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police (Crime Branch) have arrested eight illegal immigrants from Bangladesh for committing burglaries in various areas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of other illegal immigrants from Bangladesh residing in Delhi and in other parts of the country and are engaged in anti-social activities; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to fishout all such illegal immigrants from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) Eight illegal immigrants from Bangladesh involved in five cases of theft/dacoity/house-tresspass were arrested by the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police in recent months.

(c) It is difficult to precisely indicate the number of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh as no comprehensive survey has been carried out in this regard. Besides, law and order being a State subject, the State Governments handle the matter relating to involvement of illegal immigrants in anti-social activities in their respective jurisdiction. However, in Delhi, in addition to the eight persons mentioned above, twenty three such illegal Bangladeshi nationals were found involved in anti-social activities in the years 1995 and 1996 (upto 30.6.1996).

(d) There are standing instructions to the State Governments and Union Terriotry Administrations to intensify efforts to utilise effectively the existing orders issued under the Foreigners Act, 1946 for reporting to the police about the presence of foreigners. While identification/deportation of such illegal immigrants is a constant and regular process, the Government have taken several concrete measures for prevention/detection of illegal migration from Bangladesh These include, inter alia, construction of network of roads/ fencing along the Indo-Bangaldesh Border, intensification of riverine patrolling by the Border Security Force and strengthening of the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MTF) schemes.